Welcome to the March edition of the Staff Council Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to enhance communication with staff members across campus. If you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding the content of the newsletter, please use our Web form (linked).

Physical Plant staff can also obtain a paper form from Mary Anderson.

**Topics Include:**
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**Staff Council Membership Changes**
Staff Council would like to announce the resignation of Blake Bradley from the council and welcome our newest member, Leslie Betz, Registrar.

**Staff Position Changes**
Staff Council would like to make you aware of several changes across the University. Please be advised:

- Kathie Bradley - Office Coordinator II - English
- Julie Lappin - Operations Coordinator - Educational Studies
- Van Miller - Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

**New Staff Members**

- Karla Bailey-Smith - Stage Carpenter, School of Theatre Arts
- Karla Carney-Hall - Vice President for Student Affairs / Dean of Students
- Sarah Finley-Ashenbremer - Office Coordinator I - Hansen Student Center
- Victoria Johnson - Admissions Counselor
- Paul Lawton - Groundskeeper, Physical Plant
- Ray Martinez - Computer Lab Supervisor, Information Technology Services
- Cristen Susong - Recruitment Coordinator, School of Theatre Arts

**Book Club Selection**
The IWU book selection this year will be *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot, the true story of an impoverished woman born in Clover, Maryland, who developed cancer and died. After her death her cells were regenerated and famously became known as HeLa cells. There was no protocol at the time, and without Henrietta’s family’s knowledge,
corporations made millions of dollars from her cells, yet her family was never compensated and remains impoverished. This book selection will most likely start a lot of conversations on social injustice, and Provost Green has set aside 400 copies of the book at the Bookstore. Books are available for pick up at the Bookstore in Hansen Student Center during regular hours.

**Self Study Report Resource Room**
Staff Council encourages all staff to read the Self Study report and summaries (strengths and challenges) in preparation for the visiting team’s upcoming campus visit. You can see all the docs online at [http://www.iwu.edu/selfstudy/](http://www.iwu.edu/selfstudy/). Also, physical copies of the self-study (a public document) are in the Resource Room at Ames Library.

**Peer Mentoring Program**
The goal of this program is to offer all new staff members the opportunity to meet regularly, for up to one year, with an experienced staff member on campus to assist in the new employee’s transition and acclimation to the University. If you would like to serve as a mentor to an IWU staff member, or if you are a new staff member who would like to request a mentor, please fill out this form ([http://www.iwu.edu/facresources/council/peermentorform.shtml](http://www.iwu.edu/facresources/council/peermentorform.shtml)). More information can be found on the peer mentoring page ([http://www.iwu.edu/facresources/council/peer_mentoring.shtml](http://www.iwu.edu/facresources/council/peer_mentoring.shtml)).

**Suggestion/Question Boxes**
Staff Council has three suggestion/question boxes located on campus. They are located in the Memorial Center across from the Davidson Room, in Holmes Hall by the Business Office windows and at Physical Plant near the time cards. Please feel free to drop anonymous suggestions or questions into the boxes. Staff Council will review them at each meeting.